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TITLE OF INVENTION SKATEBOARD

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
09/617,262

Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Michael Mar

Art Unit
3619



--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2 and 4.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on Jul 17, 2000 are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*Certified copies not received: _____.

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION.** This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). _____ | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Morton Rosenberg on May 3, 2001.

Claims 1 and 3 have been canceled

2. New claim 4 has been entered as follows:

1. A skateboard comprising;
at least two wheel assemblies, each wheel assembly including a pair of wheels rotatably mounted to a support bracket;
an elongated hollow body formed by a top plate, a bottom plate, and a pair of closed side plates disposed along opposing lateral sides of said body, each of said pair of closed side plates being formed between said top plate and said bottom plate, said top plate forming a support base which includes a longitudinally extending central portion and lateral side portions curving upwardly from said central portion;
two pairs of laterally spaced frame members formed between said top plate and said bottom plate and extending longitudinally within said elongated body below said central

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portion, said elongated body being configured for receiving a plurality of bolts extending through both said top plate and said bottom plate and between respective pairs of said frame members with lower ends of said bolts extending through said support brackets for coupling said wheel assemblies to said elongated body; and

a pair of reinforcing ribs formed between said top plate and said bottom plate, each reinforcing rib extending longitudinally within said elongated body in a portion thereof between a respective one of said two pairs of frame members and a respective one of said pair of closed side plates, wherein said elongated body, said two pairs of frame members, and said pair of reinforcing ribs are integrally formed in one piece of a single moldable material.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

line 1, "1" has been changed to -4-- ✓

line 1, "(10)" has been canceled ✓

line 2, "(14)" has been canceled ✓

line 2, "strengthened frames (141)" has been changed to --frame members-- ✓

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach a skateboard which includes an elongated hollow body formed by a top plate, a bottom plate, and a pair of closed side plates disposed along opposing lateral
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sides of the body, each of the pair of closed side plates being formed between the top plate and the bottom plate, the top plate forming a support base which includes a longitudinally extending central portion and lateral side portions curving upwardly from the central portion, two pairs of laterally spaced frame members formed between said top plate and said bottom plate and extending longitudinally within said elongated body below said central portion, and a pair of reinforcing ribs formed between said top plate and said bottom plate, each reinforcing rib extending longitudinally within the elongated body in a portion thereof between a respective one of the two pairs of frame members and a respective one of the pair of closed side plates, the elongated body, the two pairs of frame members, and the pair of reinforcing ribs are integrally formed in one piece of a single moldable material.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Mar at telephone number (703) 308-2087, or by e-mail to: michael.mar@uspto.gov

A handwritten signature, possibly reading 'A', is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

Michael Mar

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Primary Examiner

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May 3, 2001

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